

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 10 and 19-21 and cancel claim 12, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A baking tray for baking food on a stick or skewer, the baking tray comprising:
a generally planar, horizontal base;
a connector having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is attached to an end of the base at a first bend and the connector and the base form an acute angle;
a generally angled support having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the support is attached to one side of the base second end of the connector at a second bend, such that the support slopes above the connector, and the support and the connector form an angle less than 180 degrees is elevated above the base and is inclined with respect to the base; and
at least one aperture on the support and spaced vertically from the base for inserting a straight stick or skewer, the aperture being positioned and configured to support food on the stick or skewer that is inserted into the aperture so that the stick or skewer is elevated above the base and generally horizontal and parallel to the base and the food is suspended in air and is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray.
2. (Original) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the baking tray is comprised of an oven-proof material.
3. (Original) The baking tray of claim 2 wherein the baking tray is used in an oven.
4. (Original) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the baking tray is used in a microwave oven.

5. (Previously presented) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the support forms an inverted V-shape having two inclined sloped sides forming an apex at an upper end, and the apertures are located on at least one of the sloped sides.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A device for supporting food on a stick or skewer during cooking, the device comprising:

a generally horizontal base;

a connector having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is attached to an end of the base at a first bend and the connector and the base form an acute angle;

a support forming an inverted V-shape having first and second inclined sloped sides forming an apex at an upper end, wherein the first sloped side is attached to the second end of the connector at a second bend, the first sloped side slopes above the connector, and the first sloped side and the connector form an angle less than 180 degrees, and wherein the support has extending upward at an inclined angle from the base and including at least one aperture on the support and spaced vertically from the base for receiving a first end of a stick or skewer carrying food on a second end, and supporting the stick or skewer and the food in a cantilevered fashion so that the food is not in contact with a heated surface during cooking.

11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the base and the support are comprised of an oven-proof material.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support is positioned to support the food generally parallel to the base.

17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support is positioned to support the food above the base.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support includes a plurality of apertures spaced from one another to support a plurality of sticks or skewers carrying food generally parallel to one another.

19. (Currently amended) A baking tray for baking food on a stick or skewer, the baking tray comprising:

a generally planar, horizontal base;

a first planar surface comprising a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is attached to an end of the base at a first bend and the first planar surface and the base form an acute angle;

a first second planar surface comprising a first end, a second end and an aperture, wherein the first end of the second planar surface is attached to the second end of the first planar surface at a second bend, the second planar surface slopes above the first planar surface, and the second planar surface and the first planar surface form an angle less than 180 degrees, and wherein extending from the base and inclined with respect to the base and having at least one aperture is spaced vertically from the first end of the second planar surface base and positioned and is configured to receive a stick or skewer and further configured to support food on the stick or skewer so that the food is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray; and

a second third planar surface comprising a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the third planar surface is attached to the second end of the

~~second planar surface at a third bend and extending from the first planar surface, wherein the first second and second third planar surfaces form an inverted V-shape.~~

20. (Currently amended) The baking tray of claim 19, wherein the ~~second~~ third planar surface has at least one aperture configured to receive a stick or skewer and configured to support food on the stick or skewer so that the food is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray.

21. (Currently amended) The baking tray of claim 20, wherein the apertures of the ~~first~~ second and ~~second~~ third planar surfaces are positioned and configured to receive and support the stick or skewer in a generally horizontal position and parallel to and above the base.